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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/648,786; Filed: August 27, 2003
For: **Death Domain Containing Receptor 4**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover; \$120.00 one (1) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
3. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species with Exhibit A and B; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

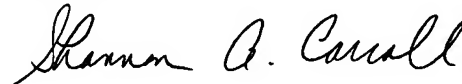
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